REMARKS

I. INTRODUCTION

Claims 57-72 are pending in the present application. In view of the following remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all of the pending claims are allowable.

II. <u>DOUBLE PATENTING</u>

Claims 57-72 have been rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-15 of U.S. Patent No. 6,716,222. *Office Action*, page 2. A Terminal Disclaimer along with a Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) are filed herewith to address this rejection. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the obviousness-type double patenting rejection has been overcome and should be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that in view of the present arguments all of the presently pending claims are allowable. Since all issues raised by the Examiner having been addressed, the Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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